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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *03 July 2008*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-24* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-24* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz et al. (U.S.Pat-6473609) in view of Johnson et al. (U.S.Pat-5553094).

Regarding claim 1, Schwartz teaches a method for managing access to a plurality of mobile data devices (fig.1) connected to a network using an intermediate system (fig.1, item 114); said intermediate system is also connected to said network or another network that is in communication with said network (col.2, lines 36-38); said method comprising the intermediate system:

a. registering a plurality of mobile data devices (fig.1, items 104, 110 and 106), each of said plurality of mobile data devices for provision of data therefrom (col.5, lines 13-25), and being in communication with said intermediate system (item 104) via said network (col.17, line 52 – co.18, line 11);

b. generating a list of available mobile data devices in said intermediate

system (col.7, line 47 – col. 8, line33; col.15, lines 9 - 27);

c. receiving a data request from a data requestor (fig. 9A-9G (step 989)); and

Schwartz fails to specifically disclose d. facilitating a data response to said data requestor such that said data requestor need not know identity of the responding mobile data device. However, Johnson teaches d. facilitating a data response (col.4, lines 5-7) to said data requestor such that said data requestor need not know identity of the responding mobile data device (col.4, lines 5-9, col.5, lines 42-51). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to apply the teaching of Johnson to Schwartz to provide method for efficiency and inherent redundancy enhances reliability and reduces operation costs.

Regarding claim 2, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said step a. further comprises the steps:

i. entering registration data of said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.17, line 52 to col.18, line 16);

ii. verifying said registration data of said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.19, lines 18-26); and

iii. adding said plurality of mobile data devices to said list of available mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.8 lines 12-32).

Regarding claim 3, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said step i. is performed over the Internet by having an online form (see Schwartz, col.1, lines 41-55).

Regarding claim 4, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said step i. may be performed over the mobile network through a WAP-based form (see Schwartz, abstract, col.1, lines 41-55 (markup language files)).

Regarding claim 5, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said step i. may be performed over the mobile network through interactive SMS (see Schwartz, abstract).

Regarding claim 6, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said registration data further comprises a unique name assigned to each mobile data device identifier of each of said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.7, line 47 to col.8, line 32).

Regarding claim 7, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 6, wherein said mobile data device identifier comprises: MSIDSN or IMEI or IP addresses of said mobile data device (see Schwartz, col.7, line 47 to col.8, line 32).

Regarding claim 8, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said registration data further comprises content description of the data provided by said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.17, line 52 to col.18, line 16).

Regarding claim 9, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said registration data further comprises content

category of the data provided by said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.7, line 56 to col.8, line 45; col.17, line 52 to col.18, line 16).

Regarding claim 10, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said registration data further comprises an access list of authorized data requestors having access rights to a specific mobile data device, said access list containing MSISDNs, email addresses or unique data requestor identifiers of said authorized data requestors (see Schwartz, col.7, line 47 to col.8, line 45; col.15, lines 9-27).

Regarding claim 11, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said step ii. further comprises performing a test to establish communication with said plurality of mobile data devices using said registration data (see Schwartz, col.19, lines 18-25).

Regarding claim 12, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said step b. further comprises:

i. checking availability of said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.19, lines 18-25); and

ii. updating said list of available mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.15, lines 9 -27)

Regarding claim 13, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said step c. further comprises:

i. receiving a request for available mobile data devices from a data requestor (see Schwartz, Fig. 9A-9G);

ii. determining access rights of said data requestor (see Schwartz, col.7, line 56 to col.8, line 45);

iii. looking up relevant mobile data devices available to said data requestor (see Schwartz, col.7, line 56 to col.8, line 45; col.15, lines 9-27); and

iv. sending list of said relevant mobile data devices to said data requestor (see Schwartz, col.15, lines 9-27).

Regarding claim 14, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said step c. further comprises:

i. receiving a request for content from a specific mobile data device by a data requestor (see Schwartz, Fig. 9A-9G);

ii. determining MSISDN of said specific mobile data device (see Schwartz, col.7, line 56 to col.8, line 45);

iii. determining access rights of said data requestor and connection status of said specific mobile data device (see Schwartz, col.7, line 56 to col.8, line 45; col.19, 18-25); and

iv. logging said request for content from said specific mobile data device (see Schwartz, col.8, lines 32-67).

Regarding claim 15, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said step c. further comprises:

v. receiving response from said specific mobile data device containing requested content and optionally updating said list of available mobile data devices (see Schwartz, Fig. 9A-9G); and

vi. logging said response from said specific mobile data device and forwarding said requested content to said data requestor (see Schwartz, col.8, lines 32-67).

Regarding claim 16, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said step c. further comprises:

v. transmitting said request to said specific mobile data device (see Schwartz, Fig. 9A-9G); and

vi. transmitting requested content to said data requestor by said specific mobile data device through said network (see Schwartz, Fig 9A-9G; col.8, lines 46-67).

Regarding claim 17, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said step c. further comprises:

i. receiving a request for content from a content category by a data requestor (see Schwartz, Fig 9A-9G);

ii. selecting one of said mobile data devices having said content category (see Schwartz, Fig 9A-9G; col.17, line 52 to col.18, line 32);

iii. determining access rights of said data requestor and connection status of said mobile data device (see Schwartz, col.7 line 56 to col.8, line 45; col.19, 18-25; and

iv. logging said request for content from said specific mobile data device (see Schwartz, col.8, lines 32-67).

Regarding claim 18, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 13 or claim 14, wherein said step d. may be initiated by said data request from said data requestor (see Schwartz, Fig 9A-9G).

Regarding claim 19, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 13 or claim 14, wherein said step d. may be initiated by a timer based event (see Johnson, col.10, line 56 to col.11, line 16 (period of time).

Regarding claim 20, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 13 or claim 14, wherein said step d. may be initiated by an external stimulus such as, without limitation, motion detection, change in temperature, change in humidity, change in count, and the like (see Johnson, col.1, lines 24-30).

Regarding claim 21, Schwartz teaches a method for managing access to a plurality of mobile data devices (fig.1) connected to a network using an intermediate system (fig.1, item 114); said intermediate system is also connected to said network or another network that is in communication with said network (col.2, lines 36-38); said method comprising the intermediate system:

a registering means for registering said plurality of mobile data devices (fig.1, items 104, 110 and 106), each of said plurality of mobile data devices for provision of data therefrom (col.5, lines 13-25), and being in communication with said intermediate system (item 104) via said network (col.17, line 52 – co.18, line 11);

a generating means for generating a list of available mobile data devices in said intermediate system (col.7, line 47 – col. 8, line 33; col.15, lines 9 - 27);

a receiving means for receiving a data request from a data requestor (fig. 9A-9G (step 989)); and

Schwartz fails to specifically disclose a means for facilitating a data response to said data requestor such that said data requestor need not know identity of the responding mobile data device. However, Johnson teaches a means for facilitating a data response (col.4, lines 5-7) to said data requestor such that said data requestor need not know identity of the responding mobile data device (col.4, lines 5-9, col.5, lines 42-51). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to apply the teaching of Johnson to Schwartz to provide method for efficiency and inherent redundancy enhances reliability and reduces operation costs.

Regarding claim 22, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 21, wherein said registering means further comprises: an entering means (see Schwartz, Fig. 3A-B) for entering registration data of said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.17, line 52 to col.18, line 16); a verifying means (see Schwartz, Fig.3A-B) for verifying said registration data of said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.19, lines 18-26); and an adding means (see Schwartz, Fig. 3A-B) for adding said plurality of mobile data devices to said list of available mobile data device (see Schwartz, col.8, lines 12-32).

Regarding claim 23, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 21, wherein said verifying means further comprises: a checking means (see Schwartz, Fig. 3A-B) for checking availability of said plurality of mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.19, lines 18-25); and an updating means for updating said list of available mobile data devices (see Schwartz, col.15, lines 9 -27).

Regarding claim 24, Schwartz and Johnson further teach the method in accordance with claim 21, wherein said receiving means (see Schwartz, Fig. 3A-B) is adapted to receive a request for available mobile data devices or a request for content from a specific mobile data device (see Schwartz, Fig. 9A-9G).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAI M. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent P. Harper can be reached on 571.272.7605. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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